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Closure Announced for Kodiak Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Pot Gear Season

Emergency Order 4-GF-08-21

The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season for all vessels using pot gear will close at 12:00 noon February 27, 2021. Inseason catch estimates indicate the pot gear allocation will be attained at the time of the closure.

Fishermen are reminded that all groundfish pots must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Following the closure, open and unbaited pots may be stored at any depth for up to seven days. After seven days, all groundfish pots must be removed from the water or stored open and unbaited in waters not more than 25 fathoms in depth.

For additional information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Orders 5, 6, and 8, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Orders. COVID-19 Health Orders may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/